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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ITALIAN ELECTIONS

1. THREE MAJOR DAILIES RAN EDITORIALS MAY 4 ON ITALIAN ELECTIONS. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM MOST INFLUENTIAL KOMPAS:

2. QTE THE (COMMUNIST) PARTY HAS ALREADY PRACTICED DEMOCRACY IN REGIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL. IF THE COMMUNISTS SIT IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOLLOW A DEMOCRATE POLICY DIFFERENT FROM MOSCOW, DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT A THIRD LINE HAS EMERGED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT ...? WILL NOT THIS BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES?

3. QTE ... THERE IS A STRONG VOICE FROM THE U.S. THROUGH ITS SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER. HE HAS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY IN NATO, EVEN RAISING THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER NATO IS STILL NEEDED AND WHETHER THE U.S. PRESENCE IS STILL NEEDED THERE.

4. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT IS A WARNING TO THE PARTIES IN ITALY, THE ITALIAN VOTERS AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN

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COUNTRIES. SEVERAL GROUPS HAVE CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S

STATEMENT, WHICH THEY REGARD AS U.S. INTERFERENCE IN
ITALIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. AND THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT
THE RESULT WILL BE THE CONTRARY (TO WHAT KISSINGER HOPED
TO ACHIEVE). ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO.
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